

numbers twelve. Among those who have joined the class since 1900 are Frank Yoder of Morrill, Kansas, and Marcus Witter of Jones Mills, Pa. While we rejoice in having Brother Witter with us, yet we are sorry that it means just two more pastorless churches—Jones Mills and Listie. Brother Cassel in last week's EVANGELIST tells us that there are fifty such churches in our beloved brotherhood. Surely we ought to have fifty more members in our Bible class, ready to send out soon to build up the church and inspire them to nobler and definite work in the Master's vineyard.

The spring term finds us with the Prophets of the Bible, to me the most interesting of the whole year's work. Last fall we began with Genesis and studied the history of the Old Testament until the close of the winter term. This careful study of the history of the Bible has thrown much light on the prophecies, making it more easy and delightful to interpret them. We have completed the Minor Prophecies and for the next week or ten days we shall study Isaiah.

Brother Miller shows himself at home with the Prophets and takes special pains to make the recitations as beneficial as possible in the period given us each day. We meet in our class work, as tho it were but a small everyday affair of life, not thinking that some day the forces gathered in this class-room shall spread over the brotherhood as a great blessing. Shall we not pray and trust and work for a large increase in our class next fall?

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## Our Young People

### The Secret of a Happy Day

Just to let the Father do  
What He will ;  
Just to know that he is true  
And be still.  
Just to follow hour by hour  
As He leadeth ;  
Just to draw the moment's power  
As it needeth.  
Just to trust Him, that is all ;  
Then the day will surely be  
Peaceful, whatso'er befall,  
Bright and blessed, calm and free.  
Just to leave in His dear hand  
Little things,  
All we cannot understand,  
All that stings.  
Just to let Him take the care  
Sorely pressing ;  
Finding all we let Him bear  
Changed to blessing.  
This is all ! and yet the way  
Marked by Him who loves thee best :  
Secret of a happy day,  
Secret of His promised rest.

—Frances Ridley Havergal.

### A NAMELESS GIRL HEROINE

II Kings 5 : 1-4

(A UNION MEETING WITH THE JUNIORS)

Topic for May 19

The story of the Hebrew captive maid who directed her master Naaman to the prophet Elijah in Israel to be cured of his leprosy, has been told in many sermons, but the lessons have usually been drawn

from the actions of Naaman. But had it not been for the little girl whose name we do not know, Naaman might never have heard of the prophet of God. Her life was like that of thousands who live in obscurity and yet are loyal to God and duty, and the unappreciated at the time yet bestow blessing on the world which abides forever.

The world loves to see the military hero who marches in proud parade, but the child of God should learn to honor him who is brave, not to strike down an enemy, but to do his simple duty, to conquer himself, to overcome the world and to abide faithful to God.

Juniors and seniors alike can learn from this captive maid.

#### SCRIPTURE HELP

I. Show how our nameless heroine was loyal to God under difficulties. Describe them.

What difficulties must we encounter? Rom. 7:23, 24, evil natures. Eph. 6:12, wickedness in the world. II Tim. 3:12, persecution. Name other difficulties.

II. The doing of simple duty is heroic.

The maid led no army and wielded no scepter, yet her deed lives to inspire all who read of it to simple devotion to God. We, too, are taught to be faithful. Comment on these passages and call for others like them: II Tim. 2:3; John 12:7, 8; II Tim. 4:7, 8; Matt. 25:31-41; Rev. 2:10.

III. Loving one's enemies

The maid was a captive torn from home and loved ones yet she cheerfully served her captor and helped him. Where are we taught to do likewise? Matt. 5:43-48; Rom. 12:19-21. How can boys and girls now show love to enemies?

IV. Great results from little deeds

It was but a simple message from a little girl yet it turned the captain of a great army to the true God. Little deeds are counted be they good or evil, Matt. 10:42; Matt. 12:36.

"Little drops of water  
Little grains of sand,  
Make the mighty ocean  
And the pleasant land."

What little things may we do which will help to make the world better?

V. Giving God the glory

There was every inducement for the captive maid to forsake God and worship with her captors, but she was faithful. How may we testify of God? Matt. 5:16; Mark 5:19; I Cor. 10:31; Matt. 28:19.

VI. The reward of humble heroism

Not glory in this world, John 15:18-21. But the reward of character which is life eternal, Luke 12:8; James 1:12.

#### FOR THOUGHT AND DISCUSSION

- 1 What makes a hero?
- 2 Does heroism in girls differ from that in boys?
- 3 May we all be heroes? how?
- 4 Ought we expect to be praised for all our good deeds?
- 5 What should be our motive in doing right?

#### FOR THE JUNIORS PRESENT

- 1 What are some bad things which if boys and girls keep out of they will be heroic?
  - 2 What are some good things which brave boys and girls can do?
  - 3 If some one should strike you or talk mean to you, is it braver to strike back or to keep sweet?
  - 4 Which is braver to do like your companions or to do as Jesus would?
  - 5 If the captive maid was loyal to God among heathen ought we not be still better with all our advantages of home and church?
  - 6 What other boys and girls can you name who were brave and good and what did they do?
  - 7 Is it honorable and brave to join church and be a Christian? Why?
- Let the leader give an opportunity for any who have not yet accepted Christ to do so.

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#### To Our Young People

Dear Friends:—I regret very much that the health of our dear Brother Furry will not permit him to continue the splendid helps he has been furnishing. The preparation of these helps involves no small responsibility and in resuming the work again may I ask your prayers each week, and if you will send suggestions as to how these notes can be improved I shall be very grateful. I wish also to give a few suggestions on their proper use which I wish might be preserved and put into the hands of all who are to lead the meetings.

#### TO THE PRAYER MEETING COMMITTEE

The prayer meeting committee should see that names of leaders with their topics are posted three months in advance; that the leaders are notified and provided with helps on the topic, and that a substitute is ready in case of the leader's absence. It is a good plan to have the society subscribe for the EVANGELIST and have it come to some one near the church who will give it to the leader each week.

#### TO LEADERS

- 1 Do not decline to lead when asked to do so. Pray and prepare and God will use you for good.
- 2 Get the EVANGELIST and other helps and study the topic as thoroughly as you can before hand.
- 3 Revise the helps. Cut out parts not clear. Add references and illustrations, clippings, recitations, songs, etc.
- 4 As far as possible assign before hand the questions and topics that those who discuss them may be prepared.
- 5 Look up all the references used and if errors occur in print or in reading correct them.
- 6 Be sure to see that each scripture is explained with reference to the topic, and add comments to answers of members. This is important.
- 7 See that all in the house have song books and take part in some way.
- 8 Have some time open to all for testimonies and sentence prayers or confession of Christ.
- 9 Regular business should come the first Sunday of each month and consecration meeting with the roll call the last. Special preparation should be made for the quarterly missionary and temperance meeting.
- 10 After meeting welcome strangers, speak a word of appreciation to those who have taken part and help turn the inspiration of the meeting into practical channels.

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#### GOD'S GOOD MEN

PHILLIPS BROOKS

("Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are: and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months."—James 5:17.)

The Epistle of James is specially characterized by what in our times we call straightforwardness or common sense; and nowhere is this more clearly seen than in the Apos-